

what I was saying. I do ask for the advancement of this bill so we can get through with it and get it to Final Reading.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Lamb, please, then Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President, members, I just ask that this bill not be advanced, not be advanced. You see this bill came up on consent calendar. My mistake was I let it get by General File on consent calendar. I was under the impression that some other people were going to take it off consent calendar, so that is the way it got by. They did not do that. I would have done that had I been, I guess, thoroughly alert. But this is a bill that is not necessary. This is a bill that establishes some red tape and some regulations that are not needed out there. We have all this rhetoric about hard times in small towns and on the farm, but when it comes right down to it you know we are really not all that sympathetic. So I would just ask that the people not let this advance, and we'll negotiate further.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vard Johnson, please.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I'm going to vote to advance LB 379. I also voted with Senator Lamb on all of the amendments to, in effect, limit some of the applications of 379 because I felt that probably a compromise was necessary for this meritorious measure to advance. No compromise was found. Therefore, I go back to my original position, which very simply is to say that people who do electrical work in our state, people who do electrical work in our state, need to be licensed, and it really doesn't make any difference whether they are in an incorporated community of less than 5,000 or in an incorporated community of more than 5,000, they need to be licensed. A house is a house irrespective of where it is located. The people who do the wiring in that house need to have the appropriate credentials and training so that the occupants are better assured that the electrical work is good work. I would encourage a vote to advance LB 379.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Higgins, then Senator Labedz, then Senator Haberman, then Senator Hefner. Senator Higgins.